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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE

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B. LISBON 6892

1. A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF VI GOVERNMENT

TOOK PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE NORTH. POPULAR DEMOCRATIC (PPD) RALLY NOV 15 IN OPORTO DREW SOME 15,000 INCLUDING A SMALL NUMBER OF SOCIALISTS (PS) SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (CDS) AND MONARCHISTS (PPM). ALL SPEAKERS TOOK HARD ANTI-COMMUNIST LINE. RALLY BROKE UP WITHOUT INCI-

DENTFOLLOWING MARCH TO NORTHERN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. ON NOV 16, PS HELD RALLY IN GUARDA AND CDS HAS OPEN MEETING IN BRAGAREA. DEMONSTRATION IN VISEU NOV 16 SCHEDULED JOINTLY BY PS AND PPD BROKE DOWN WHEN PS CHARGED PPD LEADER SA CANEIRO WITH TRYING TO USE RALLY FOR PARTISAN PURPOSES. BOTH PARTIES LED OFF RESPECTIVE ADHERENTS FOR SEPARATE RALLIES AFTER HEARING LABOR MINISTER ROSA PINCH HIT FOR PRIME MINISTER.

2. PPD SOURCES TODAY DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE OF PPD/PS SPLIT. THEY TOLD ME SA CANEIRO WANTED TO ADDRESS RALLY AFTER HEARING ROSA WOULD SUBS-

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TITUTE FOR PRIME MINISTER. PS LEADER SOARES REFUSED TO JOIN SA CAN-

EIRO IN FRONT OF PREDOMINANT PPD CROWD. SOARES AND SA CANEIRO REPORTEDLY DINED TOGETHER AFTER THEIR SEPARATE DEMONSTRATION ENDED.

3. THREE MORE BOMBING INCIDENTS OVER THE WEEKEND ATTEST TO CONTINUED MOOD OF CONFRONTATION. TWO CARS WERE DESTROYED, ONE ALLEDGEDLY BLONGING TO INTERSINDICAL ACTIVIST, AND BUILDING HOUSING CDS YOUTH ORGANIZATION WAS DAMAGED. LOCAL PORTUGESE RADIO CLUB STILL REMAINS IN HANDS

OF COMMUNIST MINORITY AND LINKED WITH LISBON.

4. COMMENT: THE ATTITUDE HERE IS THAT SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. PPD IS RUNNING HARD TO EXPLOIT ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELING AFTER LAST WEEKS

EVENTS IN LISBON. IT HAS CROWN SUPPORT IN THE NORTH, BUT NOT THE PS.  
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